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MOSES A. ZUNDELL

Moses A. Zundell passed away at his home in Richmond on September 24. The funeral services were held September 25 under the direction of the Richmond Bishopric. His remains were interred at Sunset View Cemetery.

He was the son of Isaac E. D. and Elizabeth Harding Zundell. There were seven other children in the family, four boys and three girls. His father was called to fill the offices of bishop and teacher for the Indian Reservation in Washakie County. Later the family moved to Thatcher, Arizona, where they were engaged in farming, with all of the children, including Moses, doing their share of the work. While in Thatcher, Moses attended the Boys' Academy and studied diligently. He was well versed in the Gospel and very active in all church duties.

In 1901, he was called on a mission to Germany. Before leaving, he visited his home state, his friends, and relatives. He arrived in Hamburg, Germany and was met by the President and some of the elders who helped him in orienting himself to his strange surroundings. In four months he had mastered the language and was able to preach in German.

He arrived in Bielefeld in 1902 and many happy hours and days were spent with the saints in the Lord's work. Never once did he want for a meal or a place to sleep. At that time there was much opposition against the Mormons and every opportunity was utilized to taunt and jeer them. One night while at dinner with a family of saints, a policeman came and enquired for Elder Zundell. He said he and his companion must report at headquarters the next day. The two elders did so and were informed that they had seven days in which to leave town, but they petitioned for fourteen. They were then told that three would be enough. The next day they supplied themselves with tracts and met with great success in their missionary work. Finally, on June 27, 1902, they were banished from Bielefeld.

In July the two elders were called to work in Hamburg. There they were taken to prison, and remained there eight days. They used the time spent there in studying the Gospel. Food and baskets of fruit were brought to them every day by members of the church. The American Consul had done all he could to free them, but to no avail. On the eighth day, the officials signed an agreement to free the two missionaries. In spite of all these misfortunes, Elders Zundell and Leonard carried on their great work, always seeking consolation from the Lord. Many accepted the Gospel because of their inspiring message of truth.

After four years of missionary work, Elder Zundell returned to Arizona where he married Caroline Wallner. His home was

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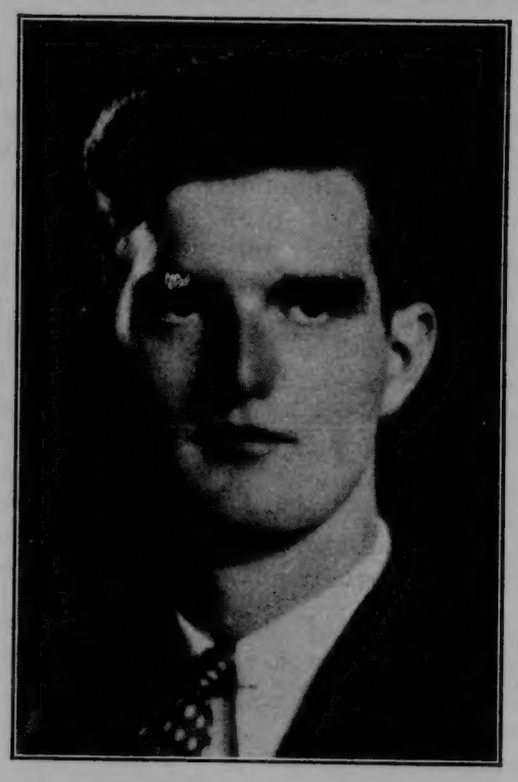
Helene Brummett, who left for a mission to the Central States, with headquarters at Independence, Missouri, September 26, 1936.



Eugene S. Hilton, son of President and Sister Eugene Hilton, who left September 27, 1936, for a mission in the Swiss-German Mission, with headquarters at Berne, Switzerland.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Helene Brummett's farewell party was held September 25 in the Elmhurst Chapel and Recreation Hall. To a person coming a little late, and trying to find parking space, two things were evident: that the Latter Day Saints are prospering if the number of automobiles may be used as a criterion, and that Helene is popular. A

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ALZINA HADDOCK

Sister Alzina Haddock, wife of John G. Haddock, formerly of the Stake High Council, passed away February 19, 1936, at her home in Oakland. She left surviving her her husband and Jesse W., Blaine K. and Myra A. Haddock. The funeral services were held February 20 under the direction of the Oakland Bishopric. The speakers were Norman B. Phillips, Bishop Shields, and A. H. Norberg.

Her remains were sent to Bloomington, Idaho, Brother and Sister Haddock's former home, for interment.

Sister Haddock was born in Bountiful, Utah, sixty years ago, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kent. She was a fine Latter Day Saint in every sense of the word, and left many friends.

Though it is belated, *The Messenger*, on behalf of the people of the Stake, extend to Brother Haddock and his family its deepest sympathy.

SARAH BEASLEY EVERETT

Sarah Beasley Everett, wife of William B. Everett passed away in Alameda on Sunday, September 20. She is survived by her husband and six children, Loraine Powell, Kenneth Everett, Bernice Campbell, Dorothy, Shirley, and William. The funeral services took place at the Oakland Chapel on September 23, under the direction of the Alameda Bishopric. The speakers were Frank J. Parsons, John G. Wimmer and Bishop L. J. Crandall. The body was taken to Salt Lake City for interment.

Mrs. Everett was well known and greatly beloved in the Stake. She and her husband and family came here about seventeen years ago. She has helped in many capacities in the church, and at the time of her death had been in the Alameda Relief Society Presidency about four years.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mr. Everett and his family. May the Lord bless them abundantly in their bereavement. We cannot but feel that all is well with Mrs. Everett, although we should have all wished for her to have remained with us longer. In all respects she was a gracious character.

IMPROVEMENT ERA

Elmhurst's quota for the Improvement Era this year is 44 subscriptions. With 35 subscribers already listed, Elmhurst should be over the top before the Drive starts!

In Elmhurst the Era subscription has been combined with the ward recreation program. A person may pay for the Era and receive the season ticket to the parties given by the ward for this year at a fixed price. This plan appears highly successful. Furthermore, it may be mentioned that it is in line with the recommendations of the general authorities for methods of financing recreation. These tickets may be paid for in installments as the season progresses.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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MOSES A. ZUNDELL (*Con. from Page* 1) blessed with five daughters. In 1920, he moved to Richmond, California, where he was very active in church work.

He was counselor to Bishop Dewsnup for a number of years. Elder Zundell's wish was to fulfill another mission in Germany, but on September 24, 1936, the Lord called him to perform even a greater one.

The following was one of his favorite verses:

"How long we live,
Not years but actions tell.
That man lives twice
Who lives the first life well.

The people of the Stake regret his passing and extend their deepest sympathy to his wife and daughters.

PRIMARY

The Primary association has started off enthusiastically on the season's work. All officers and teachers agree that it is the finest course of study yet, and the program of study and play is being closely followed.

In charge of all the activities is Merla Wilkins, recently sustained as second counselor in the Stake Primary. She comes to us from the North Western States mission where she has a fine record of achievement.

The Stake Board has added to its membership several new workers; Annabell Hart is back again in charge of the music after an absence of a year. Working with her is Neita Van Noy, as organist. May Randall is in charge of the Home Builders, Erma Hamm of the Zion's Boys and Girls and Phyllis Gallegher of Group Two. Much can be expected from these people who are so well fitted to their new responsibilities.

We regret it has been necessary to release Ora Thatcher who has moved to Burlingame.

On Saturday, September 12, the annual Stake Home Coming was held. An exhibit of the work done during the summer months attracted much attention. Refreshments were served to more than two hundred children and adults.

WARD TEACHING

In the September issue of *The Messenger* it was pointed out that prayer should ordinarily be part of the ward teaching procedure. It was suggested that the visit be commenced with a word of prayer if that would be agreeable to the household. It may be better to have the prayer last, however, as the teachers are leaving, if there is to be prayer. By then the teachers will know the feelings of the family better. If at that time it is doubtful if prayer would be appreciated it may be dispensed with. The matter lies entirely in the discretion of the teachers as the spirit moves them for each case. To put themselves into an attitude of humility it is suggested that the ward teachers have a word of prayer together before calling on the people.

The average number of families visited in the Oakland Stake during the first six months of the year was as follows: Alameda, 48%, Berkeley 38%, Dimond 28%, Elmhurst 44%, Hayward 32%, Martinez 64%, Oakland 58%, Richmond 100% (Here the bishopric and all the priesthood of the Ward go ward teaching), and Vallejo 54%.

The teaching in these wards in August was as follows: Alameda 51%, Berkeley 8%, Dimond 49%, Hayward 56%, Martinez —Pittsburg 15%, Oakland 80%, Richmond 95%, and Vallejo, 30%.

At the Bishop's meeting of September 27, the reports for the September teaching were as follows: In Alameda, Brother Harmon who was in charge, reported that 46 of the 56 families had been visited; in Berkeley, Brother Moosman reported that 27 of the 180 families have been visited. The great majority of these visits had been made by the teachers and priests. They reported nearly 100% of their assignment completed. In Dimond, Bishop Lauper reported 72%. The High Priests had completed 70% of their assignment, the Seventies, 100%, and the Elders 50%. There are 140 families altogether and 101 had been visited. There was no report from Hayward; President Easton estimated that Martinez was 50% visited. It was estimated by Bishop Shields, that Oakland was about 80% visited; in Richmond Bishop Hopkins reported that all but four families had been visited, and in Vallejo, Brother Cheshire reported that 55% were visited.

It will be noted that the above indicates a better percentage than the average for the first six months of the year, or for the month of August. With ward teaching becoming well organized, we may soon expect some fine results. Remember that all ward teaching is to be done the first ten days of the month, that reports must be in so they can be printed in *The Messenger* each month, that *The Messenger* comes out the first Sunday of the month, and that the ward teachers are to carry a copy of *The Messenger* to every family that has not otherwise received one.

APOLOGY

Through carelessness, Brother Archer T. Willey's descriptive article of his trip to Alaska was combined with that of President Heber J. Grant. We wish to apologize for this oversight.

MISSIONARY NEWS (*Con. from Page* 1) program in which Helene took part, and dancing, constituted the schedule for the evening.

The farewell party for Elder Eugene S. Hilton, was held in the Dimond Ward Chapel and Recreation Hall on September 18, 1936. A large crowd from all over the Stake were present to give Gene a good send-off. There was a nice program, at which he expressed appreciation to the people, and then a dance. The Stake is proud of young Gene, and his parents and brothers six and sister Pat. We shall be glad to welcome him home again after two or three years. In the meantime the people of the Stake extend their best wishes.

President and Mrs. Hilton and family wish to express their appreciation for the interest and cooperation shown their son at this time by members of the Oakland Stake. Eugene is nineteen years old and is the son of President Eugene Hilton of the Oakland Stake Presidency. He has earned the highest rating given in the Sea Scout Organization. A letter given him from one of the Sea Scout executives here will probably be of great value to him in his missionary work. Elder Hilton will enter the Mission Home at Salt Lake City, September 28, for ten days instruction and will leave New York October 15 on the S. S. George Washington for his field of labor.

Elder Boice Carr of the Berkeley Ward is now working in Overmass, Holland, and is quite successful in his tracting there. Much of his work is concerned with reviving the interest of those who have wandered away from the faith. Boice is receiving a lesson in Dutch every day from one of the natives, thus enabling him to converse with greater facility with the people. A fine of a penny per English word used convinced Boice of the necessity of learning the language. President Lions commissioned Boice to find a lot on which to build the Overmass Chapel. Having found a suitable location, they were prevented from building on it by a law which decreed the type of building to be erected upon each lot.

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President and Mrs. Macdonald will officially represent the Oakland Stake at the Semi-Annual Conference at Salt Lake City. They are travelling by automobile and will visit the National Parks of Southern Utah and the Grand Canyon before returning. They are also being accompanied by President Macdonald's sister, Jean, and her husband, Grant Streble. The Stake wishes them a pleasant trip.

Under the direction of William H. Evans, ward teaching is meeting with unusual success. "The Gospel of Truth must be in every home," says Mr. Evans, "and the ward teachers must carry it there."

The ward is divided into three districts with such able men as Harry Fletcher, J. George Haddock and Mr. Caldwell as supervisors. These men urge their teachers to strive not only for percentage but for results. Each pair of teachers is given an envelope addressed to its supervisor in which a report is to be sent the night its ward teaching is finished. This makes it possible for a complete report meeting held every third Sunday of the month.

Due to the splendid work of our teachers our percentage in teaching is higher each month and our attendance at Sacrament meeting has increased.

Let us congratulate the ward teachers who can get their work done without being reminded of their duty.

RICHMOND

Mrs. Elizabeth Gengler, wife of Kenneth Gengler, was baptized September 5, by her husband and confirmed Sunday, September 6, by Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins.

We are glad to hear that Brother Edmund Phelps has been joined by his wife, Mary, and children Esther, David, and John, and that they will make their home here.

Nina Fawcett has been appointed teacher of the Primary class in Sunday School upon the release of Grace Hopkins.

M. I. A. commenced Tuesday, September 22, with a very good attendance and interest on the part of all present. All positions are well filled with the following: Adult class, Jessie Bradeson; Senior class, Vaughn Holdaway; Gleaners, Jessie Pearson; Juniors, Blanche Harmon; Beehive, Alice Radley, M. Men, Edmund Phelps; Primary, Charlotte Fawcett.

The Relief Society held its opening party Tuesday afternoon, September 29. Regular meetings begin Tuesday October 6, at 2:30 p. m.

Last rites for Joseph Roark, 75, father of James L. Roark, were held Monday, September 28, at the Richmond Funeral Home. Interment took place in Sunset View Cemetery. The condolence of the Ward is with Mr. J. L. Roark and his family at this time.

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DIMOND

Jessie Booth entertained at a luncheon last month in honor of Emma Lawrence Mathisen's recent marriage. There were twenty-two guests present.

The Mutual's opening social was in the form of a dancing party given Friday evening, September 18, in connection with the farewell given for Eugene Hilton.

Ruth Gealta and Winnifred Phelps gave a stork shower last month for Nellie Curtis.

Mrs. Virginia Eggan and her four daughters from Logan, Utah, have moved to Dimond to make their home. Mr. Eggan is at present teaching in Sacramento. We welcome them to our ward.

New officers in the Primary this year are Sarah Summerhays, counsellor; Annabelle Hart, chorister; Luella Brockbank, teacher. Mavis Humphreys has resigned to take up other duties.

A farewell was given on September 18 for Eugene Hilton, who left this week for Salt Lake prior to his departure for a Swiss-German mission. On the eve of his departure a number of friends met at his parents' home and gave him a shower and party.

Leona Peterson and children are spending a few weeks in Salt Lake. They have moved from Dimond to make their home in Alameda.

Ralph Lauper entertained at a house party at the home of Bishop Lauper for Helen Forerer, visiting from Ogden, Utah; and his brother, Dennis, from Ventura. The latter recently came here to make his home.

Dimond Chapel was the setting for a wedding Monday evening, September 21, in which Margaret Nelson Philbrick became the bride of Jonathan Edward Openshaw. The chapel was decorated in flowers and ferns. Bishop Eugene Jacobs, uncle of the bridegroom, officiated. Jay Brown was best man; and Lillian Morris, from Oregon, was Maid of Honor. The bride's daughter, Susan, was flower girl. The ushers were Junius Paine, Thomas Ferguson, Anton Olson, and Clarence Jacobs.

BERKELEY

Miss Muriel Gleason entertained the members of her Sunday School class and their mothers at a party given at the Berkeley Ward Chapel, Saturday, September 26.

The opening dance of the M. I. A. held in our Ward recreation hall, was attended by two hundred and eighty-five people. Refreshments were served.

The first M. I. A. Meeting was held on the Tuesday following the dance. This year's Mutual promises to be one of the most interesting of the Auxiliary organizations.

Miss Elsie Johnson has left Berkeley to head the department of English in Gridley High School.

A relief Society party was held on Tuesday afternoon, September 29. Nearly all members were present.

The Deseret Club held a social in their newly furnished students' room Sunday afternoon, September 27. The purpose of this affair was to introduce new members. An interesting and unique program was given.

MARTINEZ

Elder Walter Brey and family have left the ward and are now residing in Bozeman, Montana.

Mrs. Von Darp accompanied her sister, Mrs. Brey, as far as Salt Lake and spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Afton Higswell has returned from a month's vacation in Ogden, Utah.

Miss Naomi Barruo, of Salt Lake, and Scott Nelson of Pittsburg, were married in the Martinez chapel, August 29. The ceremony was performed by Bishop John Abbott in the presence of many relatives and friends.

Audie Johnson entertained the lady members of the ward at her home, September 21.

Glenona Robison and Mr. Ridge's son were baptized during the last month.

Valentine Dahlin has returned from an extended vacation spent in Vancouver, Washington.

The Primary season opened with a party on September 4.

George Barber has returned home after a summer vacation and business trip through Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

ELMHURST

Miss Holder and Dorothy Nethercott were hostesses at a farewell shower honoring Helene Brummett, August 21, at the home of Miss Nethercott. Several members of the M. Men and Gleaner classes attended.

On September 2, Rose Edmonds sponsored a Missionary farewell shower for Helene Brummett. Nearly forty ladies of the ward attended.

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